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PROCEEDINGS.

THE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY met in annual session at Christian Chapel, corner of Eighth and Walnut streets, in Cincinnati, on Tuesday afternoon, October 20th, 1863, at 2 o'clock; Isaac Errett, Vice President, in the chair. The meeting was opened by singing, and the reading of part of the 55th chapter of Isaiah, by the Chairman, and prayer by Brother James Challen.

The members of the Society, including life directors, life members, annual members, delegates from churches, delegates from State meetings, and delegates from Auxiliary Societies, were then enrolled, as follows:

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MISSOURI—T. P. Haley, Lexington.

MASSACHUSETTS—F. W. Emmons, Mrs. M. A. A. Emmons, Globe Village.

PENNSYLVANIA—Edward Bevins, Mrs. Mary Hurst, Somerset; H. A. Coffin, Mrs. Jane McGrew, Pittsburgh.

NEW YORK—Dr. E. Shepard, N. Y.; W. A. Belding, Mrs. W. A. Belding, Syracuse; Miss Amanda Sherman, Pittstown.

WISCONSIN—D. A. Wagner, Waupun.

On motion of W. B. Mooklar, the chair appointed W. B. Mooklar, S. E. Shepard and A. D. Fillmore, a committee on the order of business.

On motion of D. S. Burnet, the chair appointed C. H. Gould, W. C. Holton and A. S. Hayden, a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

The chair also, upon motion, appointed Wm. H. Lape, Wm. S. Dickinson and O. A. Bartholomew, a committee upon railroad passes.

On motion of Brother Milligan, short voluntary addresses from the more aged and experienced evangelists present were called for, and thereupon the audience was briefly addressed by brethren James Challen, F. W. Emmons and John Rogers.

W. B. Mooklar, from the Business Committee, then made the following partial report:

Tuesday evening—Social worship from 6½ to 7½ o'clock. President's address at 7½.

Wednesday morning—Social worship from 8 to 9 o'clock. Regular business from 9 to 11, consisting of

1. Enrolling members and delegates.
2. Report of the Board of Managers.
3. Report of the Recording Secretary.
4. Report of the Treasurer.
5. Report of the Auditor.
6. Address at 11 o'clock, by Aylett Rains.

Adjourned over to the evening session.

TUESDAY EVENING. Meeting at 6½ o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, led by Brother Belding. The hour was profitably spent in social worship, after which our aged and venerable President delivered a very interesting discourse upon the Missionary work of the Christian Church.

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, *October* 21*st*.—The Society met at 8 o'clock, for prayer and other religious exercises, the meeting being led by Brother Milligan. At 9 o'clock, after the reading of the Scriptures, singing and prayer by Brother J. B. New, the Society resumed the order of busi-

ness. The minutes of Tuesday's sessions were read and approved. Many members who had come in since the session of the afternoon previous, were then enrolled.

The report of the Board of Managers was then read by the Corresponding Secretary, and accepted by general consent.

On motion of S. E. Shepard, a committee of five was appointed, to whom was referred so much of the report as relates to finances, and the ways and means for future operations. The chair appointed S. E. Shepard, C. H. Gould, R. M. Bishop, J. B. Bowman and R. R. Sloan.

On motion of Brother George Campbell, so much of the report as refers to foreign missions was referred to a committee of three. The chair appointed George Campbell, R. Milligan and J. Harrison Jones.

On motion of Brother Elijah Goodwin, so much of the report as relates to new missions, was referred to a committee of three. Elijah Goodwin, B. W. Johnson and J. M. Henry, were appointed that committee.

On motion, so much of the report as relates to existing home missions was referred to a committee of three. The chair appointed Wm. Baxter, A. S. Hayden and Richard Hawley.

The report of the Recording Secretary was then read by Brother Bosworth, and on motion was laid on the table.

On motion, the reading of the reports of the Treasurer and Auditor were deferred until such time as should be fixed by the committee on order of business.

At 11 o'clock, as per order of Committee of Business, Brother Aylett Rains delivered an interesting and eloquent address.

After which the Committee on Business reported further, as follows:

For Wednesday afternoon and evening, at 2 o'clock,

1. Enrollment of members and delegates.
2. Unfinished business.
3. Report of Committees.
4. Miscellaneous business.
5. From $6\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock social meeting.
6. At $7\frac{1}{2}$ address by Robert Graham.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2½ P. M. the Society convened, and the meeting having been opened with religious exercises, the minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The report of the Treasurer was read and accepted, and, on motion, referred to the Auditor.

On motion of Brother C. G. Bartholomew, the order of business was suspended for the purpose of hearing short voluntary addresses from members present, and the audience was addressed by Brother William Jarrott.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the Board as related to New Missions, then made the following report through their chairman, E. Goodwin:

REPORT ON NEW MISSIONS.

Your Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the report of the Board which treated of New Missions, would respectfully make the following recommendations:

1. We would earnestly recommend to the Board that Wisconsn be adopted as a field for missionary operations during the coming year. We are informed that there are now ten Churches already organized in the State, besides great numbers of brethren, scattered abroad, without organization. These Churches have recently formed themselves into a Home Missionary Society, and manifest a commendable zeal in the good cause. They think that a mission there would soon be self-sustaining.

2. We also recommend the appointment of a Missionary to the Federal armies, whose duty it shall be to preach the gospel, comfort and instruct the sick and wounded, and distribute our religious literature among the soldiers.

3. We would also recommend Nebraska Territory as a favorable field for missionary effort, whenever the means at the disposal of the Board will justify its occupancy.

4. Whereas, thousands of colored people, ignorant of the Word of Life, have been thrown upon the benevolence of the religious world by the fortunes of war, who are unable to even read the Holy Scriptures, we, therefore, earnestly urge the appointment of missionary labor among them, at such points as the Board shall deem most eligible, whenever it shall be practicable and expedient. All of which is respectfully submitted by

ELIJAH GOODWIN,
J. M. HENRY,
B. W. JOHNSON,
} *Committee.*

A motion was made to adopt the report, and was discussed, pending the motion, by Brethren J. W. McGarvey, John Shackelford, E. Goodwin, J. W. Cox, Brother Coates, and D. S. Burnet—the last of whom moved to amend the 4th item of the report by adding the words, "whenever it shall be practicable, and under all the circumstances desirable,"—at the close of that item. Pending the question on the amendment, it was resolved to take up the report item by item, and thereupon the first, second, and third items, were adopted. The question recurring upon the amendment offered by D. S. Burnet to the fourth item; the Society was further addressed by Brethren Moore, E. Goodwin, Burgess, D. S. Burnet, J. W. McGarvey, and James Challen, and the amendment being by general consent modified by D. S. Burnet, so as to read, "whenever it shall be practicable and expedient," was adopted. The fourth item, as amended, was adopted, and thereupon the report was adopted as a whole.

The report of the committee, to whom was referred so much of the report of the Board, as relates to the existing Home Missions, was then read by the chairman, Brother Wm. Baxter, and on motion was unanimously adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The necessity for labor in home fields was never greater than now. In many portions of our country, where the war has raged, congregagations have been scattered, and the brethren composing them have lost the means of providing for their own wants, and of the communities among which they have been thrown. To gather up these scattered, yet faithful ones, now, as sheep without a shepherd, is a responsibility from which we can not free ourselves; if we respect the admonition to do good to all men, but especially to the household of faith.

Labor bestowed upon such places, as soon as labor is possible, would soon be followed by the happiest results; for, tired of the excitements of the times, and longing for the peace and blessedness of former days, those brethren would rally around your Missionaries, and soon be in a condition to leaven the communities in which they may be found. Hundreds of this class may be found in Tennessee, Arkansas, and Missouri, and the earliest possible moment should be seized to make them the objects of your care. Another field—Brother Conrad, during a portion of the past year, has been laboring among the colored population of our State, with such success as to render the continuance of his labors in that field most desirable—all who know him think him to be the man for that work; and we feel that we need not

urge this upon a Society, that years ago sent a Missionary to Africa—when Africa is now emphatically at our very doors.

The importance of the home feature in our Society, can not be overestimated; it is beyond question, its popular feature—and deservedly so—for while Paul labored without stint for the conversion of the Gentiles, his heart's desire, and prayer to God for Israel—his friends and brethren, according to the flesh—was, that they might be saved. And there is no doubt, but that increased effort and success at home, would be the best and shortest method of promoting a missionary spirit among the brethren, and thus increase the efficiency of the Society for operations in foreign lands.

Other denominations have already seen the importance of labor in fields such as have been alluded to; and in a noble spirit are preparing to occupy them as soon as a favorable opportunity presetns itself. If their conduct be noble and praiseworthy; why stand we here all the day idle? Not, then, in a spirit of sectarian rivalry, but of Christian love and emulation, let us labor for a similar end—in a spirit similar to theirs—and the blessing of God will attend us, for God ever blesses his own work.

WILLIAM BAXTER,
A. S. HAYDEN,
R. HAWLEY, } *Committee.*

On motion of Wm. Jarrott it was—

Resolved, That we recommend to the Board, to consider the propriety of occupying as a field of missionary labor, the following counties in West Virginia, viz: Mason, Cabell, Kanawba, Putnam, Boone, Logan and Fayette. Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The meeting assembled at 6½ o'clock, and was presided over by J. A. Brooks, when an hour was spent in short speeches, singing and prayer.

At half past 7 o'clock, the audience was addressed by Brother Robert Graham, in an address of great spirit and power.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

October 22.—The meeting met at 8 o'clock, and spent an hour in devotional exercises, Bro. Walk presiding.

At 9 o'clock, the business session was opened by reading of the Scriptures, singing and prayer, when the minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee on Business then made report of the order of business for the morning, as follows:

1. Reading of the Minutes.
2. Enrollment of Members.
3. Unfinished Business.
4. Miscellaneous Business.
5. Address by Brother Benton.

The report was adopted.

The Committee, on so much of the report of the Board as refers to Foreign Missions, through their chairman, George Campbell, made the following report, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

American Christian Missionary Society in Session in Cincinnati, October 22, 1863.

Brother President: Your Committee, to whom was referred so much of the report of the Board of Managers as relates to Foreign Missions, after mature attention and deliberation upon it, ask leave to submit the following report:

Your Committee do not deem it advisable to recommend to the Society to urge upon the Board the establishing of any new Missions "in other lands" than our own; but in order to the thorough and complete culture of the field already occupied in the island of Jamaica, the Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That the Board continue and strengthen "the Jamaica Mission."
2. That they retain, IF POSSIBLE, Bro. J. O. Beardslee in his present position, as leading Missionary in the island. But should they fail, after full and proper trial, to induce him to remain in Jamaica:
3. That they proceed and employ, as soon as they can, a competent Missionary in his place.
4. That when they find themselves, as a Board, in funds, they extend all proper support to the native preachers, recommended for Missionaries, in the island, by Bro. Beardslee.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE CAMPBELL, *Chairman*,
J. H. JONES,
ROBERT MILLIGAN,
} *Committee.*

Dr. S. E. Shepard, from the Committee to whom was referred so much of the Correspondent Secretary's report of the Board as relates to financial matters, and ways and means for future operations, read the report of that Committee, which was received.

THE REPORT

OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS TO THE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

D.S. Burnett.

The anxieties and perplexities of life's experience demand the rest secured by change of association and employment. Our convening here, at the fifteenth anniversary of our National Missionary Society, places us, for the time, out of the reach of the hum of business, the lowing of herds, the clatter of industry, the weariness of over-working, and the exciting alarum of war. We are here to enjoy the refinements of Christian fellowship, the memory of perils and pleasures, of privations and privileges, and that all-conquering Grace which makes them all mercies; we are here to revel with the Christian antiquary, in the exploration of paradisacal innocence, the hapless fall, and the primeval promise, which, like a warp of golden glory, renders lustrous the development of the Human and the Divine in the pastoral of the Patriarchs, and the heroics of the Exodus, and the occupation of Canaan, the captivity, the rebuilding of the sanctuary, the angel song of the first advent, the whole burnt offering of the Son of God in the presence of all Israel, and the recovery of the immortalized humanity to be ever offered by the *Pontifix maximus* of the ages, and the blood of the new covenant to be sprinkled upon the living cherubic mercy-seat of the whole Divinity, the Son and the Father and the Spirit consecrated in an eternal devotion to the redemption of men! We are here to rejoice that the government is placed upon the shoulders of the "child born, the Son given, the Prince of Peace;" to see the fire-crowned apostles out-vieing the Promethian Serpent's oily tongue, with their tongues of living flame, subverting his damning falsehood by the living truth that unfolds, in tones of mercy, the story of the Cross; we are here to contemplate the opening of the manifold wisdom of God in the gospel, and its triumphant overturning of Jewish and Gentile altars—the might of its power in "pulling down the strongholds, casting down reasonings and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ," in our own hearts, and in the hearts of the preaching band, the martyr band, and the working band of twenty centuries; we are here to lie low, and in humble hope await the second advent of the conqueror, for, "behold thy God cometh, and his reward is with him."

The disaster of the nineteenth century has come, which white-haired sire and fair-browed son prayed never to see! But it has come, like some splendid and blighting comet, driving commerce and trade from their channels, and the blood out of our hearts! The world gazes on the scene aghast! and the religion of Christ, made for man, not knowing his distinctions of tribe and nation, nor his ocean and mountain

boundaries, visits alike the field golden with harvest or incarnadine with human gore, and still brings her pardon-bearing mercy to all. Our work then is unchanged, except by the difficulties which it is the victory of faith to overcome. Many of our churches have been represented on the great battle-fields in the struggle for the integrity of the Union, and several of our preachers have followed their flock through the dangers which environed them on the fields of slaughter, ministering caution to the living and comfort to the dying, while we all have prayed that God would hide us from the evil till the storm be past, and that he would so guide that storm that when the cloud of war lifted, the temple of free constitutional government would stand unscathed, revealing its beauty and strength and proportions unshorn for our posterity, as we received it from our fathers. Recognizing our religious obligation in its maintenance, let us address ourselves to the duty of lifting higher the banner of the cross, and carrying it farther than ever before.

But it must be acknowledged that the great national judgment under which we are writhing, has impeded the work of the past year. The burdens of the war have caused some to relax their efforts, unmindful of the Messianic injunction, to render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, AND to God the things that are God's. Therefore, the amounts realized from the oral and written advocacy of the Corresponding Secretary, and all sources, has swelled the Treasury only to the sum of $8863.25.

This, however, pays the work of the year, and the Jamaica missionaries till January 1st, and leaves a balance of $3079.39.

It must also be borne in mind that the year has been one of great activity in our State Home Missions, yet in their infancy, and that our young churches have been busily engaged in erecting places of worship in many portions of our country, outside of the war operations of the government, while in many instances older and smaller chapels have been substituted by new ones better suited to the demands of the times. Our Northern colleges, also, have received a new start, and those in the border States have revived, notwithstanding they have all been largely represented in the army.

The Missionary societies of the States of Illinois, Ohio and Kentucky, have raised respectable sums, while Indiana, Missouri, New York, Iowa, Kansas, Wisconsin, and Western Pennsylvania, have entered upon the work with commendable spirit.

It may be inquired by the uninitiated, "What advantage hath the American Christian Missionary Society, or what profit is there of such an Association?" The Board would answer, "Much, every way." Our State and District organizations do not now occupy all their territory, nor will they for a long time to come; and, therefore, at intervals, we have employed successful labor, within the boundaries of each of them, in entire harmony with their several operations. And, further, the capital of older communities is always demanded by the newer ones,

to carry on their fiscal operations, whether of trade or church extension. Therefore, new countries are always the theaters of missions, and are, by all, considered the legitimate ground of Christian enterprise and friendly competition among religious parties. The new States and the Territories are the Macedonia of the nineteenth century, crying to our Society, "Come over and help us." Nor is this all. The wide, wide world is before us—a moral waste, a valley of dry bones, awaiting the breath of Christianity, and the fervor of the divine love which it inspires, to awake and live. The church, which aims to execute the commission of the great Deliverer, and go into *all* the world and preach the gospel in its simplicity to *every* creature, has no voice but the preaching of the missionaries of the American Christian Missionary Society, which can be heard, like the mute argument of the planetary world, "unto the ends of the world." Indeed, a system of independent congregationalism, like ours, needs the centralism of massive attraction and diffusion—attraction to the great work of the Messianic commission and the diffusion of its power, thus concentrated, in ministrations of love to the farthest verge of human society. For all such purposes, this society is the hand, the tongue, the voice, the heart, of the great brotherhood. We have no other point of contact. The gospel is God-given, and the government is laid gracefully upon the Savior's shoulders. Preaching to all the world, is the work of Christian men, and those Christian men have united their energies in this association for the labor, conceding the obligation which weighed upon the bosom of the apostle through life—"I am *debtor* both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians, both to the wise and the unwise; so much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel."

WAYS AND MEANS OF THE FUTURE.

While, in view of the offsets of this year, we felicitate ourselves upon the fact that our financial statement shows an increase over the past two, the Board confesses sincere humiliation at the smallness of the result of all these years. Our funds have never, even when we had a united country, been adequate to the demands of a small missionary system, nor such as our wealth and our pretensions would warrant. To encourage your Board in persistent efforts, some thing must be done to increase the funds, the sinews of this war; and it is gravely submitted to the Convention to urge this upon the general brotherhood. A comparison with older Catholic and Protestant associations would be damaging to us, but "comparisons are odious."

We would respectfully and affectionately suggest, that every Pastor and Evangelist *feel*, rather than "resolve," himself to be an active and unremitting agent, and in their absence, the "overseers" assume this heart-warm responsibility. Every such worker and co-worker of the Society, will find that in the faithful discharge of this truly religious duty, while he is watering he will be watered, that an humble trust in

Divine Providence will find its reward, and his own interests will not suffer.

In all towns a quarterly collection should be taken up, and in the country churches, if not a quarterly, at least a semi-annual one should be raised. If the afore-named officers could feel this obligation, the matter would not be forgotten. If this system, which enables several religious parties to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars, could be devoutly fostered, we would soon rise to the conscious dignity of an efficient society. The circular with accompanying publications, which the Corresponding Secretary issued last winter, was not as fruitful as was desired by the Board. It is hoped the subject will receive large attention at your hands.

In addition to the above plan of raising funds, it might be suggested that Sunday schools have been made to aid the cause of Christian benevolence most effectively. The New York Sunday school has remitted quarterly, for years, and its recent quarterages average one hundred dollars per annum. All over the land this system is fostered with beneficial results. It is educating the church. It establishes the *habit* of giving, which, at last, is not as expensive as some of our bad habits, of whose expesiveness we do not complain.

Since our national troubles began, the Corresponding Secretary has combined with his office the labors of a missionary, and has averaged a discourse a day, nearly, for the past three years. Indeed, owing to the scarcity of funds, and the impossibility of employing successful agents, it became necessary that he become traveling solicitor, and of choice he fixed upon preaching as a means of obtaining both funds and converts. During the year just past, his labors have been more abundant than ever, and, although the state of war has been unfavorable to both branches of his mission, he has visited eleven States and the province of Upper Canada, traveling 10,354 miles, delivering near four hundred discourses, dedicating one new place of worship, planting and organizing two churches, and receiving an aggregate of 318 members, including one prominent minister. The correspondence has required the writing of more than eleven hundred letters, and the issuance of five hundred circulars. Great inconvenience has necessarily attended this method of procedure, owing principally to the delays incident to the forwarding of letters.

JAMAICA MISSIONS.

There are periods of growth and periods of rest in churches as well as in plants. The first of these periods was most remarkable in the missions in the Island of Jamaica, for the rapid germination and development of the "seed of the kingdom." The missionary year just ended has not been as productive of conversions as the last, though the season has not been without its evangelical fruits. The annexed tabu-

lar views, prepared by Brother Beardslee, will show the condition and increase in the schools and missionary stations. He says:

"The annexed tables will comprise our statistics for the year ending June 30, 1863, and include a few statistics of more recent date, while some are left out for want of details. From the statement, it will be seen that our total accessions for the year are 245, and our nett increase 100. This does not include those who have been baptized from other churches and still retain their old connection. A Brother Dick has lately united with us, whose name does not appear in the list. This makes two preachers added since our last annual Report. The Church under his immediate care, and two or three others that have asked him to take the oversight of them, it is thought, will soon be asking a place among us:

SCHOOLS.

Stations.	Teachers.	Day Schools. Pupils.	Sunday Schools. Scholars.
Oberlin	W. D. Maddix	70	90
Broadgate		...	50
Ebenezer (St. Andrews.)		...	60
Brooks	T. Austin	52	48
Wheeler's Mount	T. N. Willoughby	33	no report.
Kingston		...	20
Hermitage		...	40
Ebenezer (Metcalfe)		...	48
		155	356

We have no report from the Day or Sunday schools at Christian Mount and Oxford, though both are kept up. Deducting 70 from these two stations, and 20 for Gayle, our increase in the Day pupils at other stations is 63, and taking 90 for these stations, as reported last year, we have an addition to our Sunday schools of 141.

CHURCHES.

STATIONS.	PREACHERS.	LOSSES. Deaths	Exclusions	Dismissed to other churches	Total losses	ADDITIONS. Confession	By letter	Restored	Total received	COMP. NUM. May, 1862	Present number	Decrease	Increase	REMARKS.
Kingston	J. O. Beardslee	5	11	5	21	5	3	1	9	90	78			
Dublin Castle	... ...									54	54			
Mocha	... ...									18	18			No preaching at present.
Bloxburgh	John H. Crole									70	70			
Christian Mount	P. M. Dingwall									54	54			
Gayle	... ...									80			80	Returned to the Baptists.
Wheeler's Mount	T. N. Willoughby		8		8	6	2		8	65	65			
Ebenezer 1st.	H. Oliphant	3	2		5	11			11	52	58	6		
Brooks	Thos. Austin		5		5	14		1	15	36	46	10		
Hermitage	W. D. Maddix	2			2					39	37		2	F. S. Maillett, Elder and Assistant.
Chesterfield	... ...				5			2	2	25	22		3	
Oberlin	... ...	1	9	3	13	6			6	85	78		7	
Belfield	T. N. Willoughby	1	4	1	6	3			3	29	26		3	
Oxford	P. M. Dingwall									16	16			
Richmond	H. Oliphant										7	7		Organized since last Report.
Ebenezer 2d	Thos. Scott										134	134		... ...
Broadgate	... ...										45	45		... ...
Lucky Hill	H. Oliphant, M. Dick										5	5		... ...
		12	44	9	65	45	5	4	54	713	813	207	107	Nett increase..... 100

J. O. DEARDSLEE.

The Board regrets that Bro. Beardslee has determined to return to this country next spring, his family having already arrived, and that the responsibility will be thrown upon them of selecting and sending out another person to take charge of the missions in Jamacia. All friends of the cause of our missions there, should feel a pleasure in aiding in that selection by commending to the attention of the Board such person or persons as they may deem suitable for the very important position. The Board commends the following address, written by him, to the Convention.

J. O. BEARDSLEE TO THE CONVENTION.

I am specially impressed with the conviction that the forthcoming Convention is to have a most important bearing upon the future of the Missionary enterprise among us as a people, and can not close this letter without putting in my plea, however feebly, for "*going forward.*" I would not say a word calculated to diminish aught of the zeal of brethern in the home work. Nothing has been more gratifying than to see from the reports of the different State organizations, the increasing interest manifested, the liberal contributions, and the success of the Evangelists in winning souls to Christ. Let these be increased a thousand fold. But surely, holding the principles we do—believing sincerely that we alone, as a people, present in its purity that Gospel published in Jerusalem; contending, as we do, that *every* command of its great Author must be implicitly obeyed, we can not ignore the fact that *we* are laid under special obligation to give *the* gospel to *every creature.* There can be no doubt that the indications of Providence are to be regarded in the carrying out of this command of our Master, and that there are points on the globe where more can be done for the accomplishment of this work than at others. Is Africa and her sons and daughters to be blessed with the gospel? No argument is needed on this question with a Society one of whose first acts was to send a missionary to her shores, and whose chief labors have been devoted to the interests of the African race. I need but refer to the last annual Report of the A. C. M. S. for solid arguments in favor of Jamaica as *the point*, above all others, for operating in favor of the African race generally. The opening here, agreed on all hands to be special and providential—the success that has attended the undertaking; the climate, language, government, and almost every desirable facility afforded here for (in the language of the Report) "constituting Jamaica a most fitting school of preparation for the successful evangelization of African communities"—all these considerations combine to show that the work is laid on us. And shall we prove recreant to our trust and allow the advantages already gained to be lost, for want of a little perseverance demanding really no *sacrifice* of life or treasure? A few

staunch men to man and direct the native forces, and to manage an institution for the training of the talented and pious youth of our churches, would be all that is required not only to evangelize Jamaica, but adjacent islands, as the Lord may open the way, and to furnish laborers for Africa better adapted to the climate and people than can be found in any other part of the world.

Our native brethren should be kept above want, and allowed to devote their whole energies to the work of teaching and preaching. If each could receive from the Society an average of $200 per annum, they could be made very comfortable, and their efficiency would be greatly promoted. Shall the hands of these devoted brethren be held up and encouraged, or be left to hang down and become useless? Had not my Heavenly Father laid on me the responsibility of training six children for His service, and had I not become fully satisfied that *duty* requires me now to return to my native land for their sake, I would leave this for no other field of missionary effort on the face of the globe. I feel thankful to God for the privilege of introducing the gospel into this land, and it has been in my heart to live and die among this people. No earthly consideration would tempt me to resign the honor of continuing and carrying on, to the best of my ability, the work thus begun. I only yield to the behest of Him who has seen fit to accept my poor services thus far, and now to recall me from the field. I shall do what I can to forward the work while I remain, and hope, wherever God in his providence shall place me, I may be able to do something for its advancement. My last plea will be, "Don't, for Africa's sake, for truth's sake, for Christ's sake, abandon the work in Jamaica."

I remain, brethren, yours in the service of Christ.

J. O. BEARDSLEE.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Board has performed missionary labor in twelve States and in Canada, mostly in destitute places. This, however, includes the missionary labors of the Corresponding Secretary, who has visited many of the most important places in the country, attending to his financial department, laboring also in "the word and doctrine," as he had opportunity.

The KANSAS MISSIONS have been conducted mostly by the discreet and indefatigable Evans, and the young and ardent Bauserman. The results in that field have amounted to 477 additions, half of whom were formerly members in the older States, and were gathered up and associated by the missionaries. One new church was organized, the whole presenting an encouraging evangelical result for the amount of funds and labor employed.

The total result on the Home field sums up 1032 additions. Had the country been more settled, and the public attention less divided, the consequences would, doubtless, have been more cheering.

We have done but little work in Nebraska, though the cry for help has been entering our ears. The following map of spiritual destitution, just received, shows how wide the field is:

ROCK BLUFFS, CASS COUNTY, N. T.
October 1, 1863.

BROTHER D. S. BURNET,

Corresponding Secretary A. C. M. Society:

Dear Sir: We were appointed a committee at an annual meeting of the Disciples of Christ, held in Omaha, for Nebraska Territory, to take into consideration, and devise some means of evangelizing the Territory of Nebraska. The brethren of the territory are few and scattered, and we are not able to do as much as we would like to do; nor near as much as ought to be done.

There are some three or four live organizations in the territory, but generally located at distant points from each other. Omaha is a locality that has no organization, and only some three or four members of the Christian Church.

It was thought and advised at this annual meeting that Nebraska ought to be supplied with two evangelists—one to be located, perhaps, at Omaha, and an other to travel in the territory, and collect proper information and funds for the purpose of sustaining some enterprise of the kind. We have not sufficient available material to supply Omaha properly, nor could a man get support there, until there should be quite an awakening of the people who reside there; and we have concluded to solicit you to make a visit to that place, and hold a meeting of days, at some convenient time, soon, if you could possibly do so; if not, could you not induce some *strong* and *well* posted man of the Church to do it.

We also would like to have assistance from the A. C. M. Society, to aid in the work of evangelizing in the territory, and will cheerfully give any information in regard to the same that may be called for.

It appears to us that if there could be an awakening of the people at Omaha, and a church organized there, that it would soon be self-sustaining, and furnish some able men, with a large field for future operation, and also form a nucleus for some definite organization for further work.

Below we give you a list of the churches in the territory, as far as known. Yours in the Faith,

WM. L. HOBBS,
D. R. DUNGAN,
H. C. PARDEE,
Committee.

P. S.—Church in the neighborhood of Elkhorn City, about twenty miles from Omaha, and the only one north of the Platte river; number of members not known, but about ten or fifteen. Church at Plattsmouth, about twenty members. Church at Rock Bluff, about eighty-

five members. Church at Brownville, number of members not known. One or two churches in Richardson county, on the Kansas line; number of members not known, but they are believed to be weak.

There are members of the Christian Church scattered in various parts of the territory, but no other organizations, we believe.

W. L. HOBBS, ETC.

The whitening fields spread all around us, giving force to the Saviour's injunction, "pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he would send more laborers into his vinyard."

The subjoined tabular statement is a resumé of all the labor employed. All of which is, by order of the Board, submitted to the Society.

D. S. BURNET, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Tabular Statement of Missionary Labor from Oct. 24, 1862, to Oct. 20, 1863.

Names of Missionaries.	Field of Labor.	Term of Service.	Baptisms.	Other Accessions	Total Accessions.	Preachers received.	Churches organized.
J. O. Beardslee,	Jamaica, W. I.	one year	5	4	9	2	4
Wm. D. Maddix,	"	"	6	2	8		
Jno. H. Crole,	"	"					
T. N. Willoughby,	"	"	9	2	11		
Thos. Austin,	"	"	14	1	15		
P. M. Dingwall,	"	"					
Herbert Oliphant,	"	"	11		11		
Thos. Scott,	"			12	12		
M. Dick,	"		45	9	54		
F. S. Maillett, Assistant,	"						
J. K. Spear,	Illinois,						
Wm. M. Roe,	Michigan,	10 days	17	1	18		
M. Riddle,	"	61 days	42	6	48		
O. P. Miller,	"	at intervals	about 100		about 100		
S. W. Leonard,	Southern Illinois,	"	26	8	34		
Alanson Wilcox,	Michigan,	"	33		33		
Rufus Conrad,	Ohio,	7 months	17	18	35	1	
J. H. Bauserman,	Kansas,	7½ months	109	104	213		
E. H. Brooks,	Michigan,		10		10		
D. S. Burnet, Cor. Sec.	At large,	one year	215	103	318	1	2
W. E. Evans,	Kansas,	about 8 mos.	140	93	233		1
John Rogers,	Kentucky,	at intervals					
				*191	191		
Totals,			789	554	1343	4	7

REMARKS.—The special fields of the Jamaica Missionaries can be seen by consulting Table on page 17. The relative number of accessions to each Jamaica preacher is uncertain. These are the additions to the churches to which they minister.

* Four new churches in Jamaica.

On motion, the State of Kentucky was added to the list of States named in the report.

Bro. Wasson moved, that the report be further amended by substituting one fourth for one third, as the proportion of collections to be given to this Society. The amendment having been discussed, was carried, and motion made to amend by striking out the whole clause, which motion was lost; thereupon, on motion of Dr. S. E. Shepard, the question was reconsidered, and after remarks from James Challen, Wm. Baxter, D. S. Burnet, and George Campbell, the vote being again taken, the amendment was lost.

A. S. Hayden then offered a substitute for the report, which being seconded, remarks were made thereon by him, and by Wm. Baxter, Jas. Challen, Benjamin Franklin, W. T. Horner, R. R. Sloan, D. S. Burnet, George Campbell, S. E. Shepard and J. R. Lucas; and on motion of A. S. Hayden, the substitute, after having been amended, was laid on the table. Brother Brooks moved, that the original report be laid on the table. The motion was lost. Further remarks were made by Wm. T. Moore, R. M. Bishop, and others; and then, upon motion, the report was recommitted to the Committee—Benjamin Franklin and A. S. Hayden being added to the Committee.

On motion of Bro. Wm. Baxter the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, the funeral of General Wm. H. Lytle will take place from Christ Church, at half past one o'clock P. M., and as the members of this Convention desire to join in the last sad offices to one who has bled on many fields, and at last laid down his life in his country's cause, and thus testify their appreciation of one justly called the gallant, good, and gifted: Therefore,

Resolved, That when we adjourn, it be to meet at 3 o'clock P. M., in order that the members of the Convention may attend the funeral of the departed hero.

The order of business was then resumed, and after singing a hymn, an address was delivered by A. R. Benton.

The Business Committee then reported miscellaneous business, as the immediate order of the day, which order was adopted. At the request of Dr. S. E. Shepard it was moved, that he be excused from further service on the Committee, to whom was referred that part of the report of the Board, relating to finances and ways and means for future operations. The motion was lost, and the Society refused to reconsider the vote.

Brother R. Faurot offered the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, "there is no power but of God," and "the powers that be are ordained of God;" and whereas, we are commanded in the Holy Scriptures to be subject to the powers that be, and "obey magistrates;" and whereas, an armed rebellion exists in our country, subversive of these divine injunctions; and whereas, reports have gone abroad that we, as a religious body, and particularly as a Missionary Society, are to a certain degree disloyal to the Government of the United States; therefore—

Resolved, That we unqualifiedly declare our allegiance to said Government, and repudiate as false and slanderous any statements to the contrary.

Resolved, That we tender our sympathies to our brave and noble soldiers in the field, who are defending us from the attempts of armed traitors to overthrow our Government, and also to those bereaved, and rendered desolate by the ravages of war.

Resolved, That we will earnestly and constantly pray to God to give to our legislators and rulers, wisdom to enact, and power to execute, such laws are will speedily bring to us the enjoyment of a peace that God will deign to bless.

A motion was made to adjourn and lost. The question was then raised by a member whether the resolutions were in order, the Chair decided that, according to a vote of the house two years ago, the resolutions were not in order, and he should, therefore, so hold, although contrary to his own clear convictions. An appeal to the house was taken from this decision, which appeal, being discussed, was sustained. It was then moved, that the Society adjourn. The motion was lost. It was then moved, that the resolutions be laid on the table. The motion was lost.

The previous question was called for, and the vote of the house sustained the call.

The preamble and resolutions were then adopted, with but few dissenting. The Society then adjourned to three o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At three o'clock P. M., the Society convened, and being opened with religious services, the minutes of the Morning Session were read and approved.

The Recording Secretary's report was then taken from the table and referred to the Auditor.

Dr. S. E. Shepard, from the Committee to whom was referred so much of the Board's report as refers to finances and ways and means, made the following report, in lieu of the former report, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS.

The Committee, to whom was referred so much of the report of the Board as relates to ways and means, beg leave to present the following condenced report, in the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we recommend the appointment of one agent for each of the following States, to canvass them, to ascertain what each member will give, quarterly in advance, to sustain this Society, viz: Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, and Kentucky.

2. *Resolved*, That for the more perfect and general union in our missionary efforts, the Board of Managers adopt some means by which the State and general Societies shall participate in the collection of funds, and in such a division of them as will be satisfactory to both interests.

3. *Resolved*, That our Corresponding Secretary shall correspond with brethren in the different States, to accomplish the above ends, and that he labor, as far as he can, in canvassing some territory for personal subscriptions, as above stated, and not occupied by our other agents.

S. E. SHEPARD.

On motion of Bro. E. Goodwin, the report of the Board was then adopted.

On motion of Brother Burgess it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Brethren and citizens of this city, for their Christian kindness and hospitality during the sittings of our Convention.

The report of the Nominating Committee was then read and adopted.

OFFICERS AND MANAGERS.

PRESIDENT—Alexander Campbell.

VICE-PRESIDENTS—Isaac Errett, R. M. Bishop, John Smith, James Challen, Thomas M. Allen, Alexander Proctor, Joseph Wasson, S. E. Shepard, Wm. K. Pendleton, A. Rains, Elijah Goodwin, L. W. Gunther, J. M. Henry, George Campbell, John T. Jones, Robert Milligan, Benj. Franklin, A. S. Hayden, J. H. Jones, J. P. Robinson, A. Chatterton, J. W. Cox.

OFFICERS—D. S. Burnet, Corresponding Secretary; H. S. Bosworth, Jacob Burnet, Recording Secretaries; Geo. W. Bishop, Treasurer; C. H. Gould, Auditor.

MANAGERS—Wm. Baxter, James Magill, J. F. Mills, George W. Trowbridge, Dr. E. Williams, Henry Pearce, Thomas H. Moore, Wm. H. Lape, M. H. Slosson, Thomas Munnell, Wm. S. Dickinson, J. M. Tilford, W. C. Holton, John Rogers, Sen., C. L. Loos, Chas. D. Hurlbutt, T. F. Marsh, James Leslie, John Shackelford, M. J. Dennis, Wm. B. Mooklar, O. M. Talbot, James R. Challen, Robert Graham, T. A. Conway.

Brother J. Harrison Jones offered the following:

Resolved, That the Board be earnestly requested to publish immediately to the public, that all funds received for missions to the multitudes of freedmen in our land, will be promptly and religiously appropriated to that special object.

The resolution was adopted.

The Corresponding Secretary read an obituary memorial of Brethren Owen Owens, Abraham E. Strickle, R. J. Latimer, Wm. Hayden and Perry Hall, which was ordered to be published with the minutes.

OUR DEAD.

Not one of the more active friends of the cause has fallen, in or out of the Board. Owen Owens, a chief man of the churches in this city, but who for years past, on account of chronic infirmities, was measurably cut off from his accustomed paths of usefulness in the church, was finally taken from the midst of the circle of his brethren and his numerous descendants, on the 20th day of December, 1862, ripe as a shock of corn for the garner of the good "husbandman." He was followed, August 9th, by Abraham E. Strickle, of Wilmington, Ohio, long the Gaius of that congregation, known from his early manhood as zealous in the Church, and in all missionary labors. With unusual energy of character and activity of mind, he became prominent by association with the subsistence department of Rosecrans' army, and the care of the Africans thrown within our lines, as a commissioner for their industrial employment on deserted farms. At Vicksburg he contracted the fatal fever from which he died in this city.

In another part of our State Brother William Hayden has passed from the field, full of trophies and full of honors; a man was he of great intellect and great labors. He will be held long in affectionate remembrance, especially in Ohio and New York, by hosts of converts and friends. These all rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.

In a sister State, Kentucky, and in an adjoining county, Brother R. J. Latimer lived and died. Shortly after the last anniversary, he de-

parted this life, in the full assurance of a happy immortality. He was much interested in the formation of our Societies as far back as 1845, and, during the short period he lived in this city, he was an active member of the Board. In his own little church his influence was controlling, and always for good. In this city he built up an enduring reputation, and will long be remembered for his urbanity and earnestness as a church member.

Last summer Kimbal Porter died, of dropsy of the chest, in Iowa City. For many years he was an active and useful member of the Church in Wooster, Ohio. It was in his house that I wrote the Constitution of the Ohio State Convention, and his house was my home last March, when the Iowa City church was founded. In support of the cause of Christ and of missions, his counsel and his purse were always to be depended upon; and as the active member, first of the "Ohio," and afterward of the "Western Stage Company," he was known far and wide for his business habits, and his strict probity. It was his benevolent zeal that secured the place of worship and the organization of the church in Iowa City. That work done, he fell asleep in Jesus shortly after.

Brother Perry Hall was a student of Northwestern Christian University, of such promise that upon graduation he was chosen pastor of the church in which he worshiped as a student, in Indianapolis, a position which he filled with success, till more than a year ago he entered the army, as chaplain. He was a co-operator with us in this Society. His confidence in his robust constitution was the cause of his death. Like Jacob, he lay down on a broad rock in Tennessee, with a stone for his pillow, and the ladder of his devotions resting on the open heavens. The latter part of the night proved cold, and death came for his victim under cover of a fever. His young family and the Church of God have incurred a great loss, but his sleep is sweet and his rest glorious.

Brother A. S. Hayden then read a communication from the "OHIO STATE MISSIONARY SOCIETY," which was ordered to be published with our proceedings, as follows:

To the American Church Missionary Society.

The Ohio State Missionary Society at its last meeting, held in Shelby, in May last, appointed a committee of three brethren, to bear the Christian salutations of that body to the brotherhood here assembled.

Throughout a year of unexampled activities in all the industrial, commercial and governmental elements of society, the O. S. Mission has quietly, yet actively and successfully been pursuing its work, under the counsels of its Board of Managers, which has remained nearly unchanged from the beginning of its history, a period of thirteen years;

and under the management of our approved Corresponding Secretary, Brother R. R. Sloan, the Missionary Society is gaining a more complete organization, and fast attaining a permanent hold of the confidence and affectionate coöperation of the whole brotherhood throughout the State. Our work of engaging in its behalf every member of Christ's Church within the limits of the State, is necessarily slow, impeded as the effort is by the caution or fearfulness of some, by loose and utterly inadequate views of orderly scriptural organization on the part of others, and by a stupid, senseless want of appreciation of the high purposes and mission of the Christian Church, on the part of a larger class; still the effort, patient and persevering, is resulting in highly encouraging success.

The following brief statement of our operations during the year ending in May last, taken from the report of the Corresponding Secretary, we here present as an exhibit of present visible results:

No. of districts organized (18 in the previous year, 4 the present year,)	22
No. of counties embraced in these districts,	66
No. of evangelists employed, part or all of the time,	71
No. of young men enlisted in the ministry,	4
No. of baptisms,	1013
No. of other additions,	202
Whole number of additions,	1215

The Society has expended during the year $7,944 61. The condition of the Society is financially good, being entirely out of debt, with a small balance on hand to commence operations on a new year—with the amount of about $600 in district treasuries.

We offer you the affectionate congratulations of our Society, assuring you that we look with a lively interest and prayerful hope for the prosperity of the work of the Lord in your hands, praying earnestly that the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ may rule in all our counsels, guide all the work of our hands to his glory, and keep us all evermore in the unity of the spirit in the path of peace.

L. R. Norton,
A. S. Hayden.

Brother J. P. Robinson, the other member of the committee, not being present.

The following communication from the "Indiana Christian Missionary Society," read by Elder E. Goodwin, was also ordered to be included in the minutes:

COMMUNICATION FROM INDIANA STATE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

INDIANAPOLIS, October 17, 1863.

The Indiana Christian Missionary Society to the A. C. Missionary Society, sends Christian Salutations:

Dear Brethren: Desiring to strengthen and perpetuate our Christian acquaintance and fellowship, we have appointed several of our brethren as our delegates, to sit with you in your annual meeting, which is to convene in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 20, 1863. We will not give their names here, as they have individual certificates of their appointment.

We send with this, fifty dollars, given as a donation to the Jamaica Mission. We say, as a *donation*. We desire it to be given to Bro. J. O. Beardslee, to aid the mission in any way that he may think best, but not to be counted in his stipulated salary.

And now, may mercy, grace and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, attend your meeting, and make it a blessing, is our sincere prayer.

ELIJAH GOODWIN, *President.*

J. M. BARNWELL, *Secretary.*

On motion of D. S. Burnet,

Resolved, That the several State Missionary Societies be requested to report yearly to the Board of this Society the statistics of their respective States.

On motion of B. Franklin,

Resolved, That the Board be requested to publish a report of this anniversary, including communications from corresponding bodies.

On motion of A. S. Hayden,

Resolved, That we tender the cordial thanks of this Society to the following railroad companies, who have so generously agreed to return, free of charge, delegates attending this Convention.

NAMES OF COMPANIES.

Cleveland and Columbus,	Dayton and Michigan,
Dayton and Western,	Hamilton and Dayton,
Little Miami,	Sandusky and Dayton,
Pittsburgh, Columbus and Steubenville,	Central Ohio,
Cincinnati, Wilmington and Zanesville,	Indianapolis and Cincinnati,
Ohio and Mississippi,	Kentucky Central,
Marietta and Cincinnati,	Junction and Connersville.

On motion of A. S. Hobbs;

Resolved, That each of us pledge an amount of money to be paid to the Corresponding Secretary of this Society, in semi-annual installments.

The Committee on Business reported the following order for the evening session: Meet at half past 7 o'clock, to spend an hour in devotional exercises, after which, on miscellaneous business, and short voluntary speeches.

On motion, adjourned to meet at half past 7 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

Assembled at half past 7 o'clock P. M. Elder Wiles conducted the meeting for the hour devoted to religious exercises; after which the business session was resumed. The minutes of the afternoon meeting were read and approved, and there being no further business, Brethren J. B. New, W. A. Belding, Wm. Brothers, and J. H. Jones, responded to the call for short addresses.

The Corresponding Secretary then, after a few remarks, took up pledges and money to the amount of some eight hundred dollars; following which, Brethren J. Rogers, President Milligan and James Challen, addressed the audience in brief, heartfelt speeches, when the Convention finally adjourned.

JACOB BURNET, *Recording Secretary.*

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST ANNUAL REPORT.

LIFE MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS.

Mrs M R Lemert, bal.....$16 67
J A Huston, 3 and 4 ins.....10 00
Mrs E M Huston, 3 and 4 ins.....10 00
Mrs Lucy Cunningham, bal.....15 00
Mrs E Myers, bal..... 5 00
Ann Lee, bal..... 2 50
Mrs W S Dickinson, bal.....20 00
D S Burnet.....100 00
Mrs C W Leonard, 1 ins 5 00
J McFarland, 2 and 3 ins.....10 00
Wm Van Pelt, bal..... 5 00
Elizabeth Price, 3 and 4 ins 10 00
Albert Allen, 4 ins..... 5 00
Wm Steele, 4 and 5 ins.....10 00
Andrew Steele, 4 and 5 ins.....10 00
G W Elly, on 4 and 5 ins..... 6 00
John Marrs, 5 ins..... 5 00
Jas Allen, 4 ins..... 5 00
W R Estell, 2, 3 and 4 ins.....15 00
Mrs D M Vanpelt, 4 ins..... 5 00
Wm Jarrott, 4 ins..... 5 00
W T Greene, 4 ins..... 5 00
G B Bentley, 3 ins..... 5 00
Thos F Marsh, 4 ins..... 5 00
Geo Campbell, 3 and 4 ins... ....10 00
Mrs Jane McGrew, 4 and 5 ins....10 00
H A Coffin, bal.....15 00
H W Oliver, bal.....20 00
Mrs Mgt Oliver 1 ins..... 5 00
Isaac Mills, 1 and 2 ins.....10 00
M King, 2 ins..... 5 00
B Ashly, 2 and 3 ins.....10 00
J Blair, 3 ins..... 5 00
Elias Rockwell, 3 ins..... 5 00
L W Gunther, L D in full.....100 00
T C Oder.....20 00
J Q A Oder.....10 00
Mrs Betty Ulrich, bal.....15 00
Miss Mgt Haggerty, 1 and 2 ins...10 00
W L Hammer, 1 ins..... 5 00
G C Castleman, 2 ins..... 5 00
Mrs E McLaughlin, bal.....20 00
Jac Thomas, 4 and 5 ins.....10 00
Mrs E A Thomas, 4 and 5 ins.....10 00
Mrs R Pyle, 4 ins..... 5 00
Mary A Pollock, 4 and 5 ins.....10 00
Mrs M A Hammond, 4 ins..... 5 00
Jane A Luckey, 5 ins..... 5 00
J B Huchinson, 4 and 5 ins.....10 00
Allen Hale, 2 ins..... 5 00
W H Pierce, 2 ins..... 5 00
W T Major, 4 and 5 ins.....10 00
T P Bryan, bal..... .....15 00
Joel Skelton, bal.....10 00
John Conover, bal. 10 00
D Dewees, 3 ins..... 5 00
John Johnson, bal.....10 00
Wm Laveley, bal.....20 00
Thos C Elkin, bal.....15 00
Mrs R Gilmore, 1 ins..... 5 00
Jos Bulack, 1 ins..... 5 00
Wm A Pendleton, 1 ins..... 5 00
Francis Evans, 2 ins..... 5 00
J B Hall, 3 ins..... 5 00
S. Burnet, per church Vincennes... 7 05
Mrs P B Groat..... 5 00
Miss Helen Hockaday, 4 ins..... 5 00
B F Rogers, 5 ins... ..... 5 00
Mrs M E Rogers, 5 ins..... 5 00
Mrs M Jameson, bal.....10 00
Wm S Williams, 3 ins..... 5 00
R M Booker, 5 ins..... 5 00
Dr Jas Lillie, L M in full.....25 00
Dr G C Harvey, 2 ins..... 5 00
A H Best, 2 ins..... 5 00
Mrs H C Best, 2 ins..... 5 00
Enos Adamson, bal..... 5 00
Mrs S L Adamson, 3 ins..... 5 00
W A Benton, L M in full.....25 00
Chas Lesslie, L M in full.....25 00
Eld A Chatterton, 3 and 4 ins.....10 00
Eld R Faurot, 3 and 4 ins.....10 00
Louisa Adamson, 4 and 5 ins.....10 00
W W Happy, 4 and 5 ins.....10 00
J C Fox, 4 and 5 ins.....10 00
Mrs C P Hayward, 1 ins..... 5 00
B N Crump, 1 and 2 ins.....10 00
Mrs B N Crump, 1 ins..... 5 00
Thos Crutcher, bal.....20 00
H C Twyman, 1 ins..... 5 00
J E Martin, 1 ins..... 5 00
J W Butler, 1 ins..... 5 00
A J Thompson, 1 ins..... 5 00
W W Hardy, 1 ins..... 5 00

C C Mason, 1 ins..... 5 00
G M Radcliff, 1 ins 5 00
C S Boyd, bal.....15 00
Wm C Trimble, bal.....20 00
Matthew Trimble, bal 20 00
John Elliott, 1 ins 5 00
John Ross, 1 ins..... 5 00
Sundry persons to make C W Sherwood a life member.....25 00
Chas Hallam, bal.....20 00
R W Foster, in full.....25 00
D Dewees, for C C Dewees, bal L D.25 00
Joshua Jones, 1 ins..... 5 00
Mrs Z H Whitmire, 4 ins..... 5 00
Dr E K Crothers, bal..... .....15 00
W T Majors,..... 5 00
Wm H Renfro, ...20 00
Miss Jennie Logan, in full.....25 00
Miss Kate Logan, in full..... 25 00
Mrs Sally Logan Lamon, in full...25 00
Mrs M S Johnson, 1 and 2 ins.....10 00
Mrs Julia Hoppel, 1 ins..... 5 00
John W Tyler, in full.....25 00
W L Hammer, 2 ins..... 5 00
E McNabb, 1 ins..... 5 00
Miss Adelia Delph, 5 ins..... 5 00
S B Teagarden, 4 ins..... 5 00
Mrs Anna Teagarden, 4 ins..... 5 00
Mrs Mgt Oliver, 2 ins..... 5 00
J S Wilson, 2 ins..... 5 00
J D Johnson, 2 ins..... 5 00
Samuel Old, 2 ins..... 5 00
Mrs S S Shriver, bal.....13 00
Miss Emily S Goe, 1 ins..... 5 00
Miss Rosetta C Goe, 1 ins..... 5 00
G W Williams, 2 ins..... 5 00
Mrs N H Moore, bal.....15 00
H F Hibler, 5 ins..... 5 00
Mrs S H Hibler, 5 ins..... 5 00
Mrs A Hurlbutt.....15 00
C D Hurlbutt, bal L D.... .....10 00
A S Hale, 2 ins.. ..... 5 00
Mrs M C Hale, 2 ins... ..... 5 00
Alex Sloan, 2 ins..... 5 00
Mrs E Sloan, 2 ins..... 4 00
L B Hyatt, 2 ins..... 5 00
Jos Chatham, 2 ins..... 5 00
Saml Nichols, 5 ins..... 5 00
Wm Snyder, Jr 2 and 3 ins.....12 00
A M King, 3 ins..... 5 00
G Lucket, 3 ins..... 5 00
D R Howe, 2 and 3.... .....10 00
Miss Jane Galbreath, bal..... 5 00
Mrs Sidnah Whitmire, 1 and 2 ins.. 10 00
S S McGee, 4 ins.....10 00
Jos Wolf, 2 to 4 ins.....15 00
Geo Parks, 2 to 4 ins.....15 00
J B Marshall, 2 ins..... 5 00
Mrs S McCormac, 2 ins..... 5 00

C Tarlton, 5 ins..... 5 00
Andrew Steele..... 5 00
Leonard Cassell, bal.....10 00
Z F Smith, 2 and 3 ins.....10 00
Mrs J D Thomas, bal 5 00
Mrs Hittle, 3 ins..... 5 00
Thos E McConnell, bal.....10 00
A W Marthens, bal..... 5 00
Henry Musgrove..... 5 00
Mrs Polly Allen, bal.....10 00
Rebecca M Berry. 2 50
Mrs Kitty Grimes, bal.....10 00
S T Leavel, bal.....10 00
Wm Jarrott, bal..... 5 00
Mrs E E Elmore..... 5 00
M H Cromwell, bal..... 5 00
J B Bowman, L D 4 ins.....20 00
Jas Allen, bal..... 5 00
M Lamme, 3 and 4 ins. 10 00
Jos Wasson, bal..... 5 00
Mrs E H Price, bal..... 5 00
Mrs Hetty W Hibler, bal.....10 00
Mrs D M Van Pelt, bal..... 5 00
J W McGarvey, bal..... 5 00
J A Dearborn..... 5 00
David Pruitt, bal.....15 00
W H Thomas..... 5 00
Estate of R C Rice, bal L D.....40 00
Dr J Crutcher, bal..... 5 00
A C Latham, in full.....25 00
Mrs Susan Webb, bal.....20 00
Elder A Wilcox, L D in full.....100 00
Jonathan Harding, bal.....20 00
J W. Haymaker, 3 ins..... 5 00
W Harper..... 5 00
C A Baker, 3 ins..... 5 00
Mrs E Russell Milligan, L M in full*25 00
Jas R Challen, 2 ins..... 5 00
Dr Geo Harrison, 3 and 4 ins 10 00
Mrs Caroline Embry, 4 and 5 ins...10 00
Wm R Estell, 5 ins,..... 5 00
Dr R Richardson, 5 ins..... 5 00
Mrs W H Davenport, 4 and 5 ins..10 00
Wm Armstrong, 1 ins..... 5 00
R R Graddy, 1 ins..... 5 00
J J Miles, 1 ins..... 5 00
Miss Eliza Moore, 5 ins..... 5 00
Miss Mary A Moore, 5 ins..... 5 00
R W Howe, 5 ins.... ..... 5 00
Mrs Nancy Dodge, 3 and 4.....10 00
Henry Holmes, 1 ins..... 5 00
C G Bartholomew.....10 00
J W Cox. bal..... 5 00
Thos H Moore, bal.....15 00
John Blair.....10 00
R R Sloan.....10 00
J F Saiger..... 5 00

* $22 14 of the above, proceeds of Tract on Prayer.

T F Marsh, 5 ins..... 5 00
Mrs Sara Bella McLean, L D.....100 00
T P. Saunders, bal.....15 00
J H Lockwood, by Ch or Bethel, O.10 00
Fulton church, for Dr Godfrie, 1 ins 5 00
A S Hayden, 1 ins..... 5 00
Jas McCash, 5 ins..... 5 00
John Fisher, 3 ins..... 5 00
R L Howe, bal on L M,..... 8 75
Jas H Smith, 2 ins..... 5 00
R Faurot, 5 ins..... 5 00
Jacob Robinson, bal.....10 00
Jas H Yantis, bal.....10 00
Mrs Anne Bruce, bal.....10 00
W P Brown, 2 and 3 ins.....10 00
Mrs Amanda J Fitch, in full.....25 00
W H Hazelrigg, 4 ins..... 5 00
D Van Buskirk, 4 ins..... 5 00
B Crist,..... 5 00
Miss Kate Grafton, in full.....25 00
J W Sullivan, bal.....10 00
C Lake, 3 ins..... 5 00
B B Lake, 2 ins..... 5 00
Robert Moffitt, 2 ins..... 5 00
Henry Hathaway, L D.....50 00
Mrs Jane Hathaway, 3 ins..... 5 00
Byron Hathaway, 3 ins..... 5 00
Mrs L Cunningham, 4 ins..... 5 00
Henry Pangburn, 4 ins..... 5 00
J M Patton, 4 ins..... 5 00
Geo White, 1 ins..... 5 00
W Higby, 3 ins..... 5 00
J W H Monroe, 4 ins..... 5 00
Stephen Hastings, 3 ins 5 00
Pleasant Ridge ch, for G Campbell 20 00
Mrs M S Johnson, 3 inst..... 5 00
Mrs Anne Starke, 4 ins..... 5 00
G C Castleman, bal.....15 00
Mrs Mgt Swift, bal.....10 00
John Boak, 2 and 3.....10 00
W E McIntosh, 3..... 5 00

ANNUAL MEMBERS AND DONATIONS.

Mrs M R Lemert.....$ 3 33
J Swecney..... 1 00
Maria Latham 10 00
Cyrus Davenport..... 5 00
J P Garvey.....10 00
Isaac Errett 15 00
Milles Murphy..... 5 00
Clement Muuphy..... 5 00
Daniel Murphy..... 6 00
N Kennedy..... 1 00
E Stout..... 1 00
Cornelius Smith 10 00
J R Lakey..... 2 00
Anna Askens 1 00
E S Strickler 1 00

B F Lewis..... 1 00
Miss H Woodhouse..... 1 00
Cash, sundry persons 1 85
George Anderson..... 3 00
Geo D Hockaday 5 00
T Strathern..... 1 00
Dr. W J Lynn..... 1 00
J H Jones..... 1 00
D Richardson..... 1 00
J Richardson 1 00
J McCune..... 1 00
William Blair..... 5 00
J Hilliard 4 00
Jas Ashby.....10 00
Mrs J Ashby..... 1 00
J Cornelius..... 5 00
G F and Effie Hillman..... 3 00
Henry Tate 1 00
John Tate..... 3 00
Anonymous Letter from Blackhawk 5 00
Mrs L Harrel..... 1 00
Geo H Koons..... 5 00
S Stebins 3 00
John Colburn..... 1 00
Mrs Dickinson..... 2 00
Mrs E McLaughlin 5 00
Mrs E T Orange.....10 00
John Marrs..... 1 00
J G Mathers 2 00
Geo D McGrew..... 5 00
Chas Ellis..... 2 50
Jas Challen..... 5 00
B Sanford.....10 00
D Eldridge 10 00
Mrs S Hickman 1 00
R S Craig..... 1 00
Mrs S Moore 1 00
W C Wardsworth..... 5 00
A Sanders 5 00
Jas Reid..... 1 00
J M Eldridge..... 1 00
Jos Parry 1 00
P L Mitchell.....20 00
Mrs L Hay.....10 00
Mrs A T Logan..... 5 00
R D Johnson..... 1 00
H Wood 2 00
John Sheppard..... 1 00
R Miller..... 1 00
A Strothers 1 00
D Burrows 1 00
Bro Wines 1 50
P B Garrett..... 2 00
E White..... 1 00
Mahlon Martin 7 00
Dr S E Shepard.....100 00
Rich'd Hawley..... 100 00
Elder A Campbell 100 00
Wm B Mooklar.....100 00

Colin Campbell	50 00
Mrs E Hawley	40 00
Elder O A Burgess	85 00
D Oliphant	1 00
J Tripp	1 00
J Stewart	1 00
J Block	1 00
J Parkinson	2 00
J Benton	1 00
A Knowles	1 00
Wm Elliott	10 00
J Henry	1 00
A Osborne	1 00
Mrs J Post	1 00
M G Post	1 00
D Barclay	1 00
E Barclay	1 00
A Fairwell	1 00
A Morton	1 00
J Thompson	1 00
A McPhetterman	1 00
D Boyer	1 00
Mrs Barclay	1 10
C J Lister	1 00
Mrs Powell	1 00
C J Stevens	1 00
Mrs Stevens	1 00
Rufus Everts	2 77
Thos C Scott	20 00
Dr E A Lodge	2 00
Joseph Hilliard	5 00
John Rogers (in books)	8 00
John McMahan	1 00
L F Blair	2 00
Jos Mitchell	5 00
M Pifer	1 00
Mrs Pifer	1 00
W R Adams	1 00
Mrs S Whitmire	5 00
C B Pickeral	5 00
Mrs T Poston	2 00
Wm Laveley	5 00
T C Elkin	5 00
I H Ide	5 00
Jos W Bennet	6 00
Mrs Mary Hays	15 00
W E Nelson	1 00
M Glove	1 00
D Snyder	1 00
Wm Cantrell	1 00
J Hilliard	5 00
D Pierson	1 00
H Spencer	2 00
Jno Caskey	1 00
— Hide	2 00
Mrs Pierson	1 00
Geo Pugh	2 00
Geo Highland	2 00
A Adams	1 00
M Hester	1 00
N A Egbert	5 00
S S Shields	5 00
J B Miller	5 00
J Jackman	1 00
John Ferrel	5 00
J T Phillips	2 00
Jos Hilliard	7 00
Abel Lodge	5 00
Ed Huston	1 00
Sister Cunningham	2 50
Geo Pow	15 00
B Goe	5 00
Mrs C A Tayler	2 00
Isaac Fadus	2 00
H A Coffin	5 00
J M Macrum	10 00
Rob't Ashworth	10 00
Mrs L Hubbell	1 00
Mrs Ann Herman	20 00
Mrs Kate Babbit	5 00
D Pelton, senr	1 00
Jacobina Kimberling	1 00
Rob't Moore	2 00
L H Pitkin	1 00
Albert Allen	6 00
Miss C Allen	1 00
J R Gaff	1 00
Mrs Ann Mendal	8 00
Sundry person, Abingdon, Ill	7 50
G W Towbridge	25 00
Andrew Steele	5 00
C A Farrar	2 00
Jos Headley	1 00
John G Allen	5 00
Master D Parish	5 00
Estate of Dickenson Parish	200 00
Estate of Mrs A E Rice	400 00
Collections at Leavenworth, K	527 50
Jos G Kiniard	5 00
Miss J Whitall	1 00
Mrs F Woodward	2 00
" S Boor	5 00
Sisters at Elizabethtown, Ky	5 00
Walter Pring	5 00
Isaac Sidwell	1 00
Lover of Truth	2 00
S Stebins	1 50
John Douthett	37 00
J E Jeffries	2 00
J W Kilbaugh	1 00
B F Faught	3 00
Rob't McBriar	10 00
Anonymus letter from Brooklyn, N Y	20 00
Jennie R Nye	3 00
Eliza Proctor	5 00
E Vertrees	2 00
Dividend from Trust Co	124 02

Eureka Lots	20 00
Elkana A Myres	5 00
J P Garvey, bal	5 00
Jas Challen	22 00
John Ludlow	10 00
Mrs Hettie Ludlow	10 00
Wm Ficklin	5 00
Mrs D W Parish	5 00
Silas Barkley	5 00
Wm Lowe	5 00
Wm Pruitt	5 00
Reuben Hunt	1 00
Thos Goodwin	1 00
Wm M Bates	10 00
David Dewees	10 00
Charlotte and Laura McFarland	5 00
Collected for Kansas Mission by J H Bauserman	30 50
Dr Henry Craig	30 00
Effie Hillman	3 00
G F Hillman	3 00
Jas Magill	5 00
Mrs M A Crane	5 00
J M Power	31 25
W J Huston	5 00
W T Horner	1 00
Mrs S M Hayden	1 00
Cordelia M Hayden	1 00
Mrs A M Suydam	5 00
Mrs Nancy Summers	1 00
Mary Morrison	1 00
Mrs Eliza Hermon	1 00
J S Lowe	1 00
Mrs Sarah Lefferson	5 00
Mrs Ann Cooney	1 00
L A Steelman	1 00
Dr C McMillin	1 00
Mrs E McMillin	1 00
Wm B Rafferty	1 00
Julia A Rogers	1 00
S M Watkins	1 00
David Walk	1 00
Jas Maxwell	2 00
H Harshfield	1 00
J J Palmer	10 00
Mrs R S Palmer	10 00
" Ann Dushane	1 00
Ella Moler	2 00
John Underwood	5 00
Mrs H Prouty	1 00
J J McIntosh	1 00
Capt E C Ellis	1 00
C W Axline	1 00
N B Coates	1 00
R L Howe	11 55
J L Richardson	1 00
John Jones	1 00
M Ashford	1 00
W A Belding	1 00
Mrs Belding	1 00
Mrs A Sherman	1 00
F W Emmons	1 00
Mrs A H Emmons	1 00
Mrs Jos Wasson	1 00
John Shackelford	25 00
Harriet B Johnson	1 00
Mary A Mitchell	1 00
Jos Purcell	1 00
Bryson Purcell	1 00
Samuel Brown	2 00
W W Tice	2 00
Mary E Purcell	1 00
O A Bartholomew	1 00
R and Mrs F Slavens	2 00
Miss M Badger	1 00
Rob't Brashear	1 00
R A P Buchanan	1 00
J C Scranton	1 00
Geo Buchanan	1 00
Jac Hugley	1 00
A S Lane	1 00
W B Hendryx	1 00
J W Craycroft	1 00
Moses Mc Coy	4 00
A S Sims	1 00
J L Howard	1 00
Dudley Downey	1 00
G L Rude	1 00
Mrs Mary Hurst	5 00
E Bevins	1 00
W K Pendelton	50 00
James Wood	25 00
C H Gould	25 00
M McKee	1 00
Mrs M McKee	1 00
Mrs C Ward	1 00
J Bratt	1 00
Mrs M W Vorce	1 00
Isaac Fisher	1 00
J L Powell	5 00
A Fenner	2 00
Mrs Ann Rogers	1 00
H January	1 00
A J Wilmarth	1 00
— Surber	1 00
B W Mathers	1 00
J F Rowe	1 00
H Z Leonard	1 00
Miss L Evans	1 00
Wm Ficklin	1 00
Mrs C Ficklin	1 00
Miss M D Ficklin	1 00
Jos Franklin	1 00
Mrs C Franklin	1 00
D A Wagner	1 00
W H Broadus	1 00
Mrs A E Broadus	1 00
Miss S J Scott	1 00

Mrs Mary Eaton	1 00
" E Brown	1 00
" N Mendenhall	1 00
M Mendendall, Sr	2 00
Miles Mendenhall, Jr	1 00
Mrs Nancy T Mendenhall	2 00
" J Knight	1 00
Charley Knight	1 00
R Hardy	1 00
Mrs M Hardy	1 00
David Ratts	1 00
Mrs Ratts	1 00
" A E Pool	1 00
" Mary R Pool	1 00
W G Irvine	1 00
Mrs W E Irvine	1 00
Mary Wilson	1 00
Nannie Brown	1 00
A H Thompson	1 00
Harriet R Thompson	1 00
L R Norton	1 00
D H Gary	1 00
Mrs J G Elkin	1 00
E P Pickrell	1 00
Emeline Scofield	1 00
Benedick Kirk	5 00
Mrs S A Bromwell	5 00
Mrs Barlow	1 00
W C Needles	2 00
Henry Lefever	1 00
J W Darrow	2 00
Mrs M J Jarrot	1 00
A J Mace	1 00
Mrs C Brendel	10 00
A I Hobbs	1 00
Mrs J Renear	1 00
S H Brown	5 00
G A Dixon	5 00
Mrs Clara Fisher	1 00
Miss Lucretia Fisher	1 00
Mrs Molar	1 00
Miss Kezia Russell	50
Jos Hilliard	4 00
Henry Pearce	25 00
D S Burnet, to make Eld E Goodwin, L M	25 00
D S Burnet, to make Martha Ann Gunther L M	25 00
D S Burnet, to make W B Storer L M	25 00
D S Burnet, to make J Rockwell L M	25 00

AUXILIARIES.

Christian	Church,	Wooster, O	$ 50 00
"	"	Philadelphia, Pa	59 00
"	"	New Antioch, O	46 00
"	"	East Smithfield, Pa	5 00
"	"	Baltimore, Md	100 00
"	"	Lancaster, Ky	10 00
"	"	Washington, Ill	6 65
"	"	Iowa City, Iowa	85 00
"	"	Davenport, Iowa	25 10
"	"	New Cumberland, Va	5 00
"	"	Holliday's Cove	3 00
"	"	Paris, Mo	23 65
"	"	Mechanicsburg, Ill	12 00
"	"	Hannibal, Mo	9 60
"	"	Quincy, Ill	12 00
"	"	Genesee Grove, Ill	8 15
"	"	Eureka, Ill	8 00
"	"	Metamora, Ill	3 70
"	"	Decatur, Ill	6 30
"	"	East Fairfield, Ohio	29 99
"	"	Bethel, Fayette county, Pa	12 55
"	"	Paris, Ky	15 00
"	"	Eminence, Ky	22 75
"	"	Springfield, Ill	5 00
"	"	Macomb, Ill	12 10
"	"	Indianapolis, Ind	40 00
"	"	Dayton, O	18 00

" "	Fifth Avenue, Detroit	25 00
" "	Morristown, O	6 05
" "	Barnesville, O	8 50
" "	Dutch Fork, Pa	13 10
" "	Somerset, Pa	20 00
" "	Eighth and Walnut streets, Cincinnati	43 00
" "	Clio, O	5 10
" "	Beasley's Creek, Ky	54 00
" "	Waupun, Wis	5 25
" "	Winchester, Ky	10 60
" "	Providence, Ind	7 00
" "	Zionsville, Ind	5 00
" "	Loveland, Ohio	1 00
Sunday School,	Seventeenth street, New York	95 00
" "	Indianapolis, Ind	10 00
Collection at	Annual Convention, October, 1862	83 26
"	Cuyahoga Annual Meeting	54 00
"	Manchester, O	42 90
Missionary Society	Western Pennsylvania	25 00
Collection at	Annual Meeting, Alleghany City, Pa	110 60
" " "	Lexington, Ky	63 80
Indiana Christian Missionary Society		50 00
Collection at	Waynesboro, O	57 36
Christian Church,	Wauseon, O	30 50

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Funds on hand from last year,		$1218 39
Total receipts for this fiscal year,		7644 66
Total,		$8863 05

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for Home Missions, including salary and traveling expenses of Corresponding Secretary,		2855 18
Appropriated for the return of Dr. Barclay,		600 00
JAMAICA MISSION—		
Salary of J. O Beardslee, from October, 1862, to January, 1864,	1308 34	
Appropriated for loss on exchange by J. O. B.	150 00	
Donation of Indiana State Missionary Society to J.O.B.	50 00	
Appropriated for Assistant Preachers in Jamaica,	500 00	2008 34
Percentage paid agents for collections,		41 00
Paid for Lithographic Circular, discount and uncurrent money, postage, stationery, exchange and expressage,		74 87
Cost of publishing proceedings of Annual Convention of last year,		74 22
Appropriated toward publishing proceedings of this Convention,		75 00
Traveling expenses of speakers invited for last Convention,		27 00
Cost of certificates of Life Members and penmanship,		28 25
Balance carried to new account,		3079 19

H. S. BOSWORTH,
Recording Secretary.

Cincinnati October, 23, 1863.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR. To amount from last year,		$1218 39
To total receipts for this fiscal year,		7644 66
Total,		$8863 05
CR. By amount paid on sundry orders,	5783 86	
By balance to new account,	3079 19	
Total,		$8863 05

GEO. W. BISHOP,
Treasurer.

Cincinnati October 23, 1863.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the accounts of the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries and Treasurer, and find them to agree with each other, and correct.

C. H. GOULD,
Auditor.

Cincinnati, October 23, 1863.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES.

WE know not how the breath of prayer is heard, at our immeasurable distance from the throne of God. Nor do we comprehend how he can distinctly hear the untold millions who, at the same moment, are addressing him on his throne of grace and glory; at such a distance, too, beyond the last star in our zenith as to transcend all our powers of computation!

But he propounds a question that annihilates every doubt: "*Do not I fill heaven and earth, saith the Lord?*" His omnipresence and omniscience settle all doubts, answer all interrogations. But when we have learned that something was made out of nothing, and that to annihilate anything on our part is as impossible as it is for us to create something out of nothing, we may be inclined to concentrate our attention upon the oracle of God, and to be abl eto appreciate their unspeakable value and importance to every human being who desires to know, as far as possible, his own origin and destiny in this most magnificent universe, by all the means and opportunities which his most bountiful Creator has, in his most gracious providence, vouchsafed to him.

But *missions* and *missionaries* constitute our present theme.

To commence with the first page of the first book ever written, is in good keeping with the wisdom and philosophy of the present living world.

To begin at the beginning and to end at the end of every book worth reading, is a stereotyped maxim and custom of every well-informed person. It is, indeed, a debt, a just debt, to both the author and the reader of every book.

The first book ever written commences with these words—"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." And the last inspired book written presents emphatically the fact that it was God in the *second personality* that created the whole universe, and who will dissolve it. Hence the beloved John introduces the Creator and Redeemer of man—the Lord Jesus, the Christed King of the universe—on the last page of his Apocalypse, saying: "*I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.*" (Rev. 22: 13.)

The "ANCIENT OF DAYS" indefinitely present to us three orders of the tenantries of the heaven of heavens. These, indeed, are sim-

ply named, but undefined in the inspired Scriptures. They are denominated *Angels*, *Principalities* and *Powers*.

Real Christians are indeed come "to Mount Zion, the city of the living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, and to the general assembly and church of the First Born, whose names are enrolled in heaven; and to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the Mediator of the New Institution, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than did the blood of Abel." What an ineffable sight! Who can imagine it!

In the Christian Scriptures, the word *angel* is found one hundred and ninety-one times. Principalities, in the singular and plural numbers, is fouud ten times. To these are added Powers and Authorities indefinite, and to us wholly inconceivable. Hence we infer that in the spiritual universe there are untold multitudes of spiritual inhabitants, of every conceivable rank, dignity and glory!

We read in the Living Oracles of the ever-living God our Father, and of his ever-living Son our Lord Jesus the Christ—that there are Principalities and Powers—cherubic, seraphic and angelic—of whose attributes, powers and capacities we have no real, no adequate conceptions; nor can we, indeed, while we live ensconced in these houses of clay.

But when we shall have shuffled of these mortal tenements, whose foundations are in the dust, and are invested with spiritual bodies of a celestial structure—of an angelic energy and capacity—more brilliant, too, than the splendid luster of a meridian sun in the zenith of his cloudless glory—then, and not till then, can we approach a just conception of the transcendent glories—the riches, the honors, and the blessedness of the New Jerusalem and its august inhabitants.

What a concert of glory, honor and blessedness, whose enrapturing echoes shall resound, not merely from pole to pole of our planet, but from the zenith to the nadir of the heaven of heavens, to the last star in the celestial empire of the universe of universes of the Lord God Almighty!!!

What a rich, what a glorious hope is that which purifies, elevates animates and gladdens the true, the sincere, the humble, the devoted Christian; who unreservedly, cheerfully and joyfully has consecrated himself, body, soul and spirit, with all his influence, to honor and glorify him who so loved us as to cheerfully give himself up as a sin-offering to atone for his enemies, even to the accursed death of the cross, becoming a curse for us; and having conquered death, the grave, and *him* who introduced sin, anarchy, death and ruin into our world, he was, as the Son of God and the Son of man, exalted to the throne of the heavens, and constituted Lord, Lawgiver, Judge and King of kings—having all authority—*legislative*, *interpretative*, *judiciary* and *executive*, vested in him, to the final consummation of the whole drama of humanity on the stage of earth and time. He, and he alone, shall

raise the dead, judge the world, pronounce the final and irreversible sentence, from which there can be no appeal, no reversion, no exemption forever and ever.

Humanity and Divinity perfectly incorporated in one personality, (without a Supreme Divinity effecting it), transcends all the incorporations ever imagined by any mere human being, so far as the histories and biographies of earth report.

The operative powers of the whole universe are not one and all cooperants, so far as all human science or divine science developes them. Physical good and evil, moral good and evil, religious good and evil, are elements of the present constitution of the present existing universe.

To these three forms of good and evil we must add a fourth form, to complete the whole science of good and evil, as now existing, and that is, CHRISTIAN GOOD AND EVIL. To these four forms of good and evil, nothing can be added.

But some virtuoso may exclaim and ask, why, sir, can there be a religious evil?—! Ask Paul in Athens. In Acts of Apostles, chapter 17: 22, he says to the polished Athenians: "I perceive that in all things you are too religious [*superstitious*]: for as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription: *To the unknown God.* Whom, therefore, you ignorantly worship, him I declare to you."

It is, indeed a startling fact that the true God was the only *unknown God* in the most enlightened city of the ancient Greeks.

What a confirmation of that oracle of the Apostle to the Gentiles.—The world, with all its pretensions to wisdom and science, knew not the one only living and true God!!

Philosophy, sometimes falsely so called, where now thy boasting and boastful pre-eminence!!

Paul departs from the city of Athens to Corinth, and there he finds Aquilla, with his wife Priscilla, banished from Rome. They being tent-makers, and Paul having been initiated into the same calling, he took a job with them, and reasoned every Sabbath day in the synagogues, persuading the Jews and the Greeks that Jesus was the Christ. Nor did he preach in vain. Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, was converted, and many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized. Paul continued there eighteen months, preaching and teaching the word of God among them. What a beau ideal of a Christian missionary was the converted Saul of Tarsus!!!

When we concentrate our minds and our hearts upon the gospel of the grace of God, and its original heralds—the beau ideals of the Christian ministry—we can not but wonder at the apparent apathy, indifference and negligence of both the church and its ministry, in this most cardinal particular.

And yet the great majority of our preachers and teachers will cordially assent to this proverb of king Solomon: "*He that winneth souls*

is wise." Prov. 11: 30. But how few desire to have souls for their hire. Do we love everlasting glory? Then we may have it. "They who win many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever." Dan. 12: 3.

A crown of twelve stars is the superlative of human glory. Corresponding with it, there was a representative woman "clothed with the sun, standing upon the moon, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars." Apocalypse 12: 1. Are not these eloquent expressions of the real glory of the Christian church? *They, then, that have been wise to "win souls," shall shine forever as the starry firmament!* Of all employments, then, in this world, is not that of *winning souls* the superlative!!!

Worldings, of course, have no taste for it, and they consequently give the field to the church, or to Satan, for all they care.

All the world is a missionary field. So reads the Redeemer's own commission: "All authority in Heaven and Earth is given to me. In pursuance thereof, go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole human race. He that believes it and is baptized shall be saved; he that believes it not shall be condemned."

Is not this a definite and perfectly conspicuous oracle—as transparent as our or any other language could express it?

Believe, obey, and live. Disbelieve, disobey, and die. And what then? Eternal life to the former; eternal death to the latter! The solemn assurance of these issues must and ought most profoundly to interest and constrain the understanding, the conscience, and the heart of every thoughtful man.

To the whole evangelic commission there is one consummating act. The primitive Embassadors were commanded by the Lord Jesus Christ to convert or make disciples of all the nations by preaching, teaching and baptizing.

Preaching what? The Gospel. Preaching the Gospel to whom? To the whole human race—Jew and Gentiles, bond and free, male and female.

The whole earth is yet, indeed, one grand missionary field. And when from the whole tenantries thereof you have separated all that have honored the gospel and cordially vowed eternal allegiance to the Divinely constituted and crowned Lord of the whole universe, with all its tenantries—what innumerable millions in Papaldom, Mohammedandom and Pagandom, that are as alien to the kingdom and reign of the true, the living, and the reigning Lord Jesus Christ, as are the native Indians of North or South America!

We can and do cordially sympathize with them all, and would send to them missionaries, as far as in us lies, with the Bible, and the Bible alone, in their hands, announcing to them that same gospel which Peter and Paul preached, with the primary inspiration and direction of the Author and Founder of the Christian faith, sustained by the Holy Spirit and the demonstrations of his gracious power, in sanctioning his

claims, and their interest in him who is the Author and Founder of the faith and hope of eternal life.

A true and genuine Christian is the highest style and dignity of man conceived or conceivable on our part. Hence one of God's amanuenses affirms that they who are righteous shall shine as the firmament, and they who turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

The missionary cause is the superlative cause of all causes within the entire area of the church of the Divine Missionary. He was not merely a prophet, a high priest, nor a king. He was *the Missionary* of all missionaries. He was sent as the plenipotentiary of the universe of universes. All authority in the heaven of heavens is vested in him. He is the Prophet of all prophets, the High Priest of all high priests, the King of all kings, the Potentate of all potentates. "For," said the evangelic prophet Isaiah, in full spiritual vision, "to us and for us a child is born, a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulders. And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, Father of the Future (or the everlasting Father), the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end; *he shall rule* upon the throne of his father David, and over his kindgdom, to order and establish it, with judgment and justice *henceforth and forever*. The zeal of Jehovah of hosts will do this."

In the proper arrangement of these elementary facts and documents, much depends upon an evangelical conception of their proper order and mport; such as

1. The Divine promise of a Divine Mediator.
2. The ancestry of this person, paternal and maternal.
3. The official relations of this person to God and man. A Prophet, a Priest and a King, possessed of all authority—legislative, interpretative, judiciary and executive.
4. The ultimate Judge of all the living, of all the dead, and of those recreant angels who kept not their first estate, reserved in chains of darkness until the judgment of the great and awful day. These all must stand before the universe—not one absentee in the whole creation of God.

Then, indeed, echoes through all space a most joyful, transcendently sublime, and most rapturous oracle from the throne of the Eternal Majesty, declaring—"*Behold, I create all things new*;"—new heavens, a new earth, new tenantries; the former ones shall not be remembered, neither shall they again be brought to mind. But you shall rejoice and exult forever in what I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem an exultation, and her people the subject of rejoicing: and I will exult in Jerusalem, and rejoice in my people; and there shall not be heard any more therein the voice of weeping nor the voice of crying. No more shall there be an infant short-lived, nor an old man who has not filled his days. For he that dies at a hundred years, shall be regarded as one accursed.

And they shall build houses, and inhabit them, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat. For as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of my people, and the work of their hands they shall enjoy.

My chosen shall not labor in vain. They shall not generate a short-lived race; for they shall be a seed blessed of Jehovah, and their offspring with them. And it shall be, that before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. But as for the serpent, dust shall be his food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith Jehovah. (Isaiah 65: 17–25; Boothroyd's Version.)

But from all the inspired records of the past, and from all the prophetic intimations of the future, there must be a series of awful judgments upon the man of sin and son of perdition—upon Papalism, Mahometanism, Paganism and Sectarianism, in all their various forms and phases. These all must be annihilated, and their idols with them.

Such are the prophetic oracles, in their grand outlines, concerning the future developments of the church militant. How, then, on all the premises before us, should we, as a community, proceed? We shall consult our Paul to the Gentiles, as he advises the Ephesia chapter 6th, 10–20:

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness, and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in bonds; that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak."

"Whence come wars and fightings among you?" was, and yet is, a question yet undecided by a fearful majority of nominal Christians. Come they not of your lusts? He does not call them *sinful* lusts; for all lusts are sinful. Whoever read of religious or moral lusts! good and virtuous lusts!! Impudent as Satan is, he never dared to prompt any one under his control to eulogize the lusts of the flesh, the lusts

of the eye, or the pride of life. Satan is too alert, too far-seeing for that.

A missionary is, in its evangelic import and currency, an *angel*. Such were the seven angels of the seven churches. They were not celestial angels—but human angels, or *messengers*, sent on errands of kindness to the exiled Apostle John. Indeed, they are so described by John in these words: "The meaning of the seven stars which thou seest in my right hand is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches; and the seven lamp stands which thou seest are the seven churches." These seven *messengers* (or angels) made a visit to the beloved Apostle John in his exile; and by these seven messengers, John wrote by a divine impulse seven letters—that is, a letter by each messenger, to the church to which he belonged, addressed to the special case or condition of each church.

Every evangelist, or every person sent out by one or more churches, to any field of labor, is responsible to the party or church which commissions him, or sends him out into a missionary field. He is, as a matter of course, responsible or amenable to those who commission him or send him out, on either a public or a private mission.

But it is all important to them who send out missionaries, as well as to the missionaries who are sent, that every missionary sent out should fully understand and appreciate the full import of the office and the work assumed.

The *senders* and the *sent* should fully understand the errand, or the work to be accomplished, and act advisedly or conscientiously on the whole premises.

The great commission given by the Lord himself, in person, to his apostles, presents this subject in a very clear and definite manner. Added to this, the directions given by Paul, the great apostle to the nations, to Timothy and Titus, as evangelists, affords us ample data to instruct and direct every evangelist—every messenger of the glad tidings of great joy to all people.

"PREACH THE WORD," is the first and most fundamental injunction given by Paul to his much loved Timothy. "*Be instant in season and out of season;*" confute, rebuke, exhort, with all long suffering and teaching.

Paul's predicted time has come, when the majority of professors will not endure sound teaching, but will heap to themselves teachers according to their respective lusts, having itching ears; and such preachers will turn away their ears from the truth, and will be turned to fables. (2 Tim. 4: 3, 4.)

Do not these premises, then, invite us, and suggest to us, nay, constrain us, to cultivate a missionary spirit, and to induce us to send out and to sustain missionaries in the field of action?

We are not merely to pray to God to send out missionaries to convert the world. What, reader, would you think of the husbandman's economy whose fields were ripe and ready for the sickle or the scythe,

who would pray to God to send out his neighbors or his fellow-citizens to go into his fields to reap and gather into his *barns*; and that, too, without money or price!! Would he *succeed, think* you, in making for himself or his family a comfortable subsist*ence*?!

It needs not to be argued in this enlightened age, that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel. *Paul* affirms to the Corinthians, that "the Lord has appointed," or ordai*ned*, "that the preachers of the gospel should live by the gospel." (1 *Cor.* 9: 14.) And Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, commands Timothy *to* see that the elders who ruled well, or faithfully presided over the churches, should be accounted worthy of double honor, or of a liberal support.

Is not this an argument of high authority and of unquestionable justice?

And is it not still more applicable to the missionary or evangelist than to the located elder, who is not an itinerant, but for the most part at home? But I need not detain you with arguments, as though you needed them.

You are not forgetful that the Divine Missionary himself, on one occasion, while looking on the crowds that were following him, said to his apostles: "The harvest tru*ly is plenteous*, but the reapers are few; pray you the Lord of the harve*st to send* forth laborers into his harvest, to gather it." (Matt. 9: 37; *Luke 10: 2.*)

A beautiful, apposite, and practi*cal lesson*, from which we are taught to work and labor in the Lord's field, to gather fruit unto eternal life. And what a rich and glorious reward! "They that be righteous shall shine as the firmament, and they who turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

Who can aspire to a higher glory than this? Nothing within the area of human imagination, known to us, can equal it; nothing, certainly, can transcend it. Why should we not, then, modestly, philanthropically, and earnestly endeavor *to win souls!* Is it not written, "He who turneth a sinner back from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall cover a multitude of sins?" (Jas. 5: 20.)

No stronger argument than this, as we view it, can be produced in the schools of literature and science, nor even in theology, Christology, or philanthropy.

The gospel claims, therefore, are paramount claims, incomparably transcending every other claim ever submitted to the reason and appreciation of mortal man.

Evangelical missions and missionaries are, therefore, incomparably superior in their aims and objects to any and every other missions and missionaries ever instituted, patronized or commanded by man or angel since the world began.

This being conceded, a question naturally and necessarily arises in every conscientious mind: What have I done, or what am I doing, in this greatest and best of all benevolent and philanthropic enterprises?

In the present living generation, there is a great demand for mission-

ary labor. We have a continually increasing demand for missionaries in our own portion of the United States, but the supply is by no means equal to the demand. We might double, and treble, and quadruple our evangelists, or missionaries, and we would still hear the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us."

Brethren, what shall we do? Fold our arms supinely, and pray to the Lord to send out laborers to gather the harvest!

Have we not been doing this now for a quarter of a century past? And yet the supply is still quite disproportioned to the demand.

There are immense areas, or fields of labor, in which we are doing little or nothing. Yet they are quite accessible, had we the men qualified to occupy them advantageously.

From my stand-point of observation, I see much has been done, and much is doing; but how much more is providentially within our means and opportunities, we should yet earnestly inquire.

All that we give of our earthly means to the Lord, his cause and people, is all that we really save of our whole possessions!

There are, indeed, numerous and various degrees of honor, glory and blessedness in the heaven of heavens. Star exceeds star in glory and splendor. There are the cherubim and seraphim of peerless glory and grandeur, of whose superlative beauty and majesty we can form no conception whatsoever. These, one and all are to be immortal and everlasting, without the possibility of a change, or an apostacy through the endless ages of the cycles of infinite being and blessedness.

When, upon the summit of a lofty mountain, with a splendid telescope, of large magnifying power, and a brilliant sky above us, without a cloud, we select a field of vision, and in our tented observatory place our telescope in the most favorable position, and what a field of glory bursts upon our enraptured vision! Then, with the sweet bard of Israel, we exclaim, "Lord, what is man, that thou art mindful of him, or the son of man, that thou shouldst so aggrandize him! Assuredly thou art exalted above all finite blessing, above all human or angelic praise."

But how inadequate are all created things to present to human reason or imagination an adequate conception of the Sun of righteousnes who has arisen above all comparison or imagination, with everlasting healing in his rays, that illuminates the human understanding, the conscience and the heart, with the light of an everlasting life in the heaven of heavens, in the immediate and everlasting presence of the Lord God Almighty.

This fullness of glory, honor and blessedness is now made perfectly accessible to every fallen rebel in the whole living descendants of Adam the first, who desires, with all his heart, to be translated into the new and everlasting kingdom of the second Adam, the Lord from heaven!

A Divine commission authorizes the proclamation of this gospel of this all-transcendent glory, honor and blessedness to every human being,

to every descendant of Adam the first who will gratefully accept it, and vow eternal allegiance to Adam the Second; and this, too, without any merit, without money and without price! In all reason and propriety, will not he that refuses to accept it, on such an authentic proclamation of it, be justly condemned and banished from the Divine presence forever and ever?

Unnumbered legions of angels, of every rank and glory, ever surround the white throne of Him who is most holy.

In raptures of glory and bliss their anthems will ever resound, while with one heart they sweetly sing, These souls were lost but now are found.

Would not such an echo as this, sustained by evidence divine, impart to you, my dear brother, more joy than floods of milk and wine?

Let him know, then, that does not know, that he who converts a sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death, and hide a multitude of sins. And this, too, he may do, not only in person, but by proxy, in sending out and in sustaining those that can more efficiently present the claims of Him who is the Author and the Founder of the faith. To Him, then, be all the glory and the honor, the blessing and the praise, now, henceforth and forever. Amen.